

RAILROAD PROBE ON 36-HOUR LAW

Shippers of Stock Complain
to Department of
Agriculture.

PROSECUTIONS TO FOLLOW

Allege Stock Is Carried Forty, Sixty,
and Even Ninety Hours With-
out Attention.

Now the railroads are in for an attack in a new spot on a charge of violating a Federal statute. Their present difficulty arises from alleged violations of the thirty-six-hour law regarding the transportation of stock. It is charged in a great many complaints coming in to the Department of Agriculture that the law is being persistently ignored and trespassed upon. Secretary Wilson is turning in the complaints and such evidence as his agents gather to the Department of Justice and prosecutions are expected to follow, resulting, if the charges are sustained, in heavy fines against the railroad companies.

Requirements of Law.

The thirty-six-hour law was passed to take the place of the twenty-eight-hour law, and requires that a railroad company shall not carry livestock on its trains more than thirty-six hours without providing such stock food and water. Humane organizations made strong objection to increasing the time from twenty-eight hours to thirty-six. It is alleged, however, the twenty-eight-hour law was being persistently violated and was not practicable in many parts of the country. Moreover, the railroads gave assurances that if the time was extended to thirty-six hours they would live up to it.

Ninety Hours Without Care.

If the reports that have reached Secretary Wilson from many quarters are reliable, the assurances given last winter are being ignored. Live stock is being transported for forty, sixty, and in some cases as many as ninety hours without being unloaded for food and water, according to the allegations. So far, it is charged, the roads have found it in a great many cases easier to evade the law than to abide by it and little humanity has been shown toward the cargoes of cattle, hogs, sheep and the like that are daily poured in to the great stock centers.

The charges apply to nearly all the big railroads. It might be expected Western roads would be the chief offenders, but this is not the case. Some of the worst violators of the law are alleged to be Eastern roads, particularly roads running out of Chicago and St. Louis for New York and Boston. Secretary Wilson has declared his intention to insist on observance of the law and extend no leniency to roads that break it.

MAN WHO DEFEATED BABCOCK AN INTERESTING CHARACTER



REPRESENTATIVE-ELECT MURPHY,
From Third Wisconsin District, Who Succeeds Joseph W. Babcock.

Democrat From Badger
State a Practical Organ-
izer of Men.

One of the interesting men who will occupy seats in the Sixtieth Congress is the Hon. James W. Murphy, of Platteville, Wis., who succeeds the Hon. Joseph W. Babcock as Representative from the third district of the Badger State. Mr. Murphy is a "La Follette Democrat," as they are called in Wisconsin. He comes to Congress as a result of the fight of the La Follette Republicans, plus the Democrats, against the present Congressman, who happens also to be chairman of the House Committee on District of Colum-

bia, and one of the prominent members of the Ways and Means Committee. Mr. Murphy's nationality need not be explained, his name tells the story, and the explanation of his gift for effective practical politics is suggested likewise. He is a good talker, a good organizer, and represents the disposition so notoriously extant in Wisconsin to break

'Pie Kid' Wins Freedom By His Song in Court

In Law's Clutches for Sixtieth Time—Even
Left Philadelphia Home for Washing-
ton in Pie Search.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 16.—The "Pie Kid," eleven years old, signaled his sixtieth appearance as a prisoner in a police court by entering the dock singing a song which so captivated the judge that the "Kid" got his sixtieth reprieve and was set free.

The "Kid" has achieved distinction on two grounds. One is the number of times he has been arrested, and the other is his fondness for pie. It is this latter weakness which has brought him so many times into the clutches of the law and enabled him to play the leading role in every police court in the city. He has slept in every station house in Philadelphia, and in some of them many times.

His unfortunate appetite proves a pitfall for him, because when his mother fails to furnish a sufficient supply of the luscious pastry he runs away from home to punish her. His name is Frank Hardworker, and his mother well deserves the name, but Frank tells not, and his most arduous occupation is eating pie—when he can get it—and running away when he cannot.

Mrs. Hardworker has ceased to worry about him. When he disappears because the pie supply has run short she simply notifies the police that Frank has left home, and they are responsible. It does not take them long to pick him up if he remains in the city. He does not always do this, and has taken trips to New York, Washington, and other places in his search for pie.

There was neither mince nor pumpkin pie in the larder the other day, and Frank took his departure. The police were notified. Frank was picked up on Eighth street and taken to the Tenth and Winter streets station, despite his pleading to be allowed another chance. Then he was brought into court.

away from the politicians and their rule. He made a great canvass in his district, which happens also to be the home district of Senator La Follette. While the district was listed by the Democratic Congressional Committee as doubtful, it was not seriously supposed to be in danger.

Two years ago the La Follette people made their great fight against Babcock, and ran him several thousand votes behind his ticket.

Carried in by Roosevelt.

Nothing but the Roosevelt tidal wave saved him. Murphy was about the only man in the district who had faith that the effects of that fight would be felt again this year. The nomination looked to him like an available asset. He went after it, and then he made it his business to meet just as many of the voters as possible. His judgment was vindicated by his election.

Mr. Babcock insists that his retirement is temporary and that he will be in the fighting two years hence. On that point the Murphy and the La Follette people also have views.

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Exercising.

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